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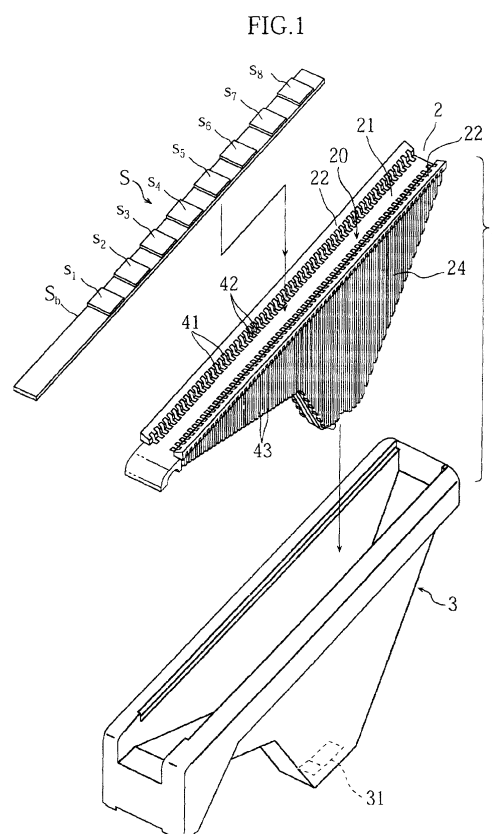
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(54) **Test piece holder and apparatus for removing analyte excess incorporating the same**

(57) A test piece holder (2) has an elongate top surface, and a pair of side surfaces (24) located below the top surface. The top surface is provided with a test piece holding groove (20) defined by an elongate bottom wall (21) and a pair of ridges (22) each rising from a respective longitudinal edge of the bottom wall (21). Each ridge (22) is formed with a plurality of upper capillary grooves (41) extending vertically to open into the test piece holding groove (20). The bottom wall (21) is formed with a plurality of capillary pores (42) in corresponding relationship to and in communication with the upper capillary grooves (41). The capillary pores (42) are open toward a respective one of the side surfaces (24).



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